



**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF OHIO COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA**

**IN RE: MARCELLUS SHALE LITIGATION**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-C-3000**

**THIS DOCUMENT APPLIES TO:**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

THOMAS V. BATES and VICTORIA A. BATES,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 16-C-22  
Judge Timothy L. Sweeney

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

Defendant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

PATRICK M. CAYTON

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 16-C-23  
Judge Timothy L. Sweeney

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

Defendant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

JACK C. LAMP and LINDA M. LAMP,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 16-C-26  
Judge Timothy L. Sweeney

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION

Defendant.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DODDRIDGE COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

MICHAEL W. SWIGER and JODI A. SWIGER,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Civil Action No. 16-C-27  
Judge Timothy L. Sweeney

ANTERO RESOURCES CORPORATION  
Defendant.

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO JOIN IN EXISTING MASS LITIGATION**

The Court has reviewed and considered *Antero Resources Corporation's Motion to Join in Existing Mass Litigation*, filed on September 1, 2017, and the Supreme Court's *Administrative Order* entered on November 12, 2014, authorizing the Mass Litigation Panel to transfer and join with the existing Mass Litigation any similar or related actions filed in any circuit court. The Court has also considered the issues presented in the Marcellus Shale Litigation, and the issues presented in the above-captioned civil actions. There being no objection, and with the advice and consent of the Mass Litigation Panel, the Court **GRANTS** *Antero Resources Corporation's Motion to Join in Existing Mass Litigation* and **ORDERS** the above-captioned civil actions joined with *In re: Marcellus Shale Litigation*, Civil Action No. 14-C-3000, pending in the Circuit Court of Ohio County, West Virginia.

The paper court files for the above-captioned civil actions shall remain in the Circuit Court of Doddridge County, West Virginia, where the civil actions originated until further order of the Panel.

The above-captioned civil actions are designated for electronic filing and service, **effective, October 10, 2017**, as provided in West Virginia Trial Court Rule 15.01, *et seq.* To facilitate electronic filing and service each civil action number will include the three-letter county identifier of the county where the civil action originated. For example, the civil action

number of *Thomas V. Bates and Victoria A. Bates v. Antero Resources Corporation*, will now read Civil Action No. 16-C-22 DOD.

The Clerk of the Ohio County Circuit Court is **ORDERED** to send a certified copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Doddridge County Circuit Court for service on all affected judges and all parties in the above-referenced civil actions. The Chair of the Mass Litigation Panel and all parties to *In re: Marcellus Shale Litigation*, Civil Action No. 14-C-3000, shall be served with this Order electronically.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**ENTER:** October 3, 2017.

/s/ Alan D. Moats  
Lead Presiding Judge  
Marcellus Shale Litigation